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In re the Application of : Confirmation No. 6658
Claude BARLIER, ET AL. : Group Art Unit 2123
Application No. 10/530,504 : Examiner: Carlos Ortiz-Rodriguez
Filing Date: April 6, 2005 : (571) 272-3766
For a Patent for a :
MECHANICAL COMPONENT HAVING :
AT LEAST ONE FLUID TRANSPORT :
CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR :
DESIGNING SAME IN STRATA : January 27, 2010

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this Patent Application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on August 22, 2005, advised the U.S. Patent Office of an earlier-filed International Application, No. PCT/FR01/01445, which was assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/276,217.

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In furtherance of Section 2001.06(b) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, the U.S. Patent Office is further advised of a U.S. Patent Application, No. 12/157,509, which was filed as a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/276,217. An Office Action has issued for U.S. Patent Application No. 12/157,509, and the following documents are cited in the issued Office Action:

U.S. Patents

4,778,557 (Schirmer) - Issued: October 18, 1988

3,909,582 (Bowen) - Issued: September 30, 1975

Copies of the above-listed U.S. patent documents have not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of the elimination of this requirement from 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) (See, Section 609.04(a), Part II(D) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure).

Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the foregoing documents, and by providing applicants with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of the listed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) following a check of the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system on January 27, 2010, which confirms that neither a final action, a notice of allowance nor an action that otherwise closes prosecution has been mailed in connection with this Patent Application.

No fee is believed to be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. An earlier "Information Disclosure Statement" submitted with the Reply which was filed in this matter on January 7, 2010, was filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), together with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). As a consequence, an additional fee payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is not believed to be necessary. However, in the event an additional fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is deemed to be necessary, this fee, any other fees which may be required in connection with this Patent Application, or any overpayments, can be applied to Deposit Account No. 03-2405.

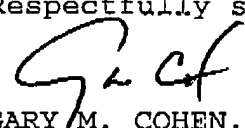
Corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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